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## From the Oval Office

*By Susan Swiderski, AF4FO, GARS President*

Holiday greetings, fellow hamsters!

First things first. Heartfelt congratulations go out to that dynamic duo, CAROL and VICTOR GANN, for most deservedly being crowned GARS' HAM OF THE YEAR. These two have worked tirelessly with young people, whether it be the Boy Scouts, Venture Crew 73, Junior GARS, the Kids Tent at Field Day, conducting a Tech No-Code class at their



home for new hams, the scavenger hunts at hamfests, helping with the Richards Middle School ARC, etc. etc. etc.....Whenever the occasion arises, they pour tremendous energy and care into teaching young people about amateur radio, and they

provide excellent public relations for GARS and for amateur radio. We are very fortunate to count them as club members and friends, so please be sure to give them a big pat on the back and a thank you for all of their hard work. CAROL and VICTOR, we're all very proud of all of the positive things you represent about amateur radio. Congratulations. And thank you.

Congratulations also go

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## Who's been eating all the goodies?

Sam McClure, son of Kevin KF4HFN, is seen having a great time at the GARS Holiday Party.

More pictures from the party on page

## THE GARZETTE

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## GARS Elmers

Many of us Hams got interested in the hobby as a result of some influence and experienced Ham had on us. In my case, a ham stopped at my dealership back in the mid-80's to arrange a repair on his outboard motor. He had a funny looking license tag on his yellow Corvette and I inquired what it was. Little did I know, he would be my "Elmer".

The GARS organization is blessed with a lot of talented members that are willing to share their knowledge. The following list is made up of those individuals willing to serve as Elmer's. Hopefully, this list will grow, and in time, maybe we'll get more who are willing to add a particular area of expertise.

KF4KSE David Moon (770) 279-9924 mobile radio installation  
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If you'd like to be a GARS Elmer, please email the editor of the Garzette at N1TOQ@arri.net or call 678-339-2605.

## “Team Gann” wins GARS 2001 Ham of the Year Honors

Lawrenceville, GA (USA) - Susan Swiderski, GARS President, announced that Carol and Victor Gann were the recipients of the 2001 *GARS Ham of the Year* award. The presentation was made at the GARS Holiday party on December 2nd.

Carol and Victor were gracious in the acceptance but certainly have a long lists of accomplishments in the service of Amateur Radio. They both can be seen with Venture Crew folks and conducting classes for new hams. Carol handles publicity for GARS and has done a great job in getting the word out about upcoming activities and the club in general. It was fitting that they received this award at the holiday party where they both were busy entertaining the children and adults. If someone were to define “service” to the amateur and general community, Victor and Carol Gann would be the definition.

Thanks to you both for your tireless efforts. We are all better people having known you.



### STAY CONNECTED!

- Call the nets
- Attend the Meetings
- Use the Email List
- Check the Website
- [Www.gars.org](http://www.gars.org)



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## From The Oval Office

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to everybody's favorite section manager, SANDY DONAHUE, for winning the recent election for vice director. Hip, hip, hoo-RAY!!! Good job, Sandy! He'll be moving into his new position on January first, which, of course, would leave a vacancy in the position of section manager. To fill that vacancy, someone had to be appointed, and just as Sandy warned y'all, that someone turned out to be me. I sure hope you'll all continue to support me as I embrace the new challenges ahead. It's a pleasure to announce that MARY WHATLEY AHLS has graciously agreed to take over my position of ACC, and I know she'll do a fantastic job.

If you missed our Holiday party on December 1, we missed you. Hats off to all of the people who worked so hard on the decorations, the food, the door prizes and the clean-up. An excellent job by everybody involved, but I'm not gonna start naming names for fear that I'll forget to name someone. Except for one name, that is. Special thanks go to our deejay KEVIN MCCLURE, who gave up an evening at home with his family... including his new little blue-eyed beauty, MADISON ROSE... to lug all of his equipment out to share his talents with us. Thank you, KEVIN.

There will be NO executive or club meeting in December. January's executive meeting will be on January 13 at No. 1 Super Chinese Buffet.... eat at 6, meet at 7. The club meeting will be on January 17, and we'll be taking nominations for next year's club officers. Please consider running for office. This is a wonderful club, and I've thoroughly enjoyed serving this past year as president. WHO's ready to accept the challenge... and the fun.... for the year ahead? GARS needs YOU!! Please call me.

Well, folks, I hope all of your Holiday wishes come true. Peace and love from our house to yours.

Until next year, this is AF4FO, signing clear. 73

**“So Mr. Victor, does that box contain a new rig for my daddy?”**

## GARS Holiday Party 2001



**Marty– How come that Turkey tasted just like venison?**



**David, KA4KKF after sneaking some goodies before dinner. Is that Carlton behind him?**





# GWINNETT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

## November Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 15, 2001

*Submitted by Sharon Carter, KG4HKO*

Officers Present: Susan, Sid, Dan, Sharon, Bill, Scott and Andrea

- Meeting opened at 7:38 PM
- KG4KOQ Jerry, 1st time visitor
- Sci-Trek -- 2nd Sun -- Dec 9
- Minutes from last minute accepted (thanks to Sid for taking minutes)
- Richards Middle School Amateur Radio Club: 22 students at 1st meeting on 11/14 -- thanks to Mike, Susan, Bill, Andrea, Scott, Robert, Victor, Mike Fehlig for their attendance and support.
- Treasurer's report -- auction proceeds, equipment insurance paid, insurable inventory amount raised from \$14k to \$20k, next payment will reflect change
- Special Events -- Dec. meeting will be on Dec. 1 annual Christmas party, 7:00 PM at regular meeting site
- Repeater site work -- Goshen 2 station masters placed back on top of tower 2m & 440 -- feed line replaced w/ 7/8" feed line -- increased coverage to W & N of county
- Scott -- new members -- 8 since last meeting KG4OXE -- ROBERT MIXON, KG4PAN -- MORGAN RINGOLD, KG4POG -- STEVE TOWNSEND, K2JFB -- JAY BROWDER, WD4BKD -- BOB BUSH, W0PSM -- KENNETH DICKSON, W4FWP -- MILTON WILLIS, W1AJM -- ALAN MURRAY. All new memberships approved
- Andrea -- mini-demo at Sweetwater Middle School this Friday for Education week -- 9:30, Cruse Rd. Breakfast -- 8:00 AM -- Original House of Pancakes
- Christmas Party -- Carol -- CLUB PROVIDES HOT & COLD DRINKS AND MEAT -bring a dish
- KIDS DAY CONTEST -- JAN 5 -- HANDOUT
- TechFest -- Barry -- need volunteers to share or recruit -- N1TOQ@arrl.net end of January -- chili contest
- Mike -- Field Day chair -- K4MJK@arrl.net
- Win -- next class Jan 29, along with Gwinnett, regrets that no volunteers attended event that Win asked for help with.
- Recognitions for Susan -- Carlton, Sandy (hopefully new vice-director elect)
- Old Business
- Auction -- low attendance, high fun, great deals, raised over \$1049.20 for scholarship fund -- hope to continue in future
- Marty will be chair for repair work on GARS tower, needs helpers, can be salvaged, although will be shorter
- New Business
- Paul, K4BET -- Proposal from Shriners -- joint Hamfest (8000 Shriners, large Shrine Temple), K4BET past president of communications unit -- voted to hold hamfest, at activities building at Temple -- planning for 2 yrs from now. Need more people (hams) to help out -- would like a group to work with them and split proceeds -- offer coming to GARS first -- Shriners will do w/ or w/out GARS -- ground rules -- no alcohol on grounds. Free facility w/ full-sound system, production size stage, remote parking available. Date TBA, exact split of proceeds TBA, 2-day -- GARS membership about 3/4 of those present show support
- UNSUNG HERO -- e-Garzette, other contributions -- Paul, K4BET;
- Scout leaders -- Carter, Earl, Steve, Victor, Carol, Sarah, Crystal, Heather

Break before Venture Crew program -- 8:33 PM

## **Metro Atlanta Club Meetings**

### **First Tuesday**

#### **Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers**

Old Hickory House  
5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody  
Dutch dinner is at 6:30 PM, followed by meeting.  
Talk In 145.410(-)

#### **Kennehoochee ARC**

First United Methodist Church in Marietta  
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM  
Talk In 146.880(-)

### **First Thursday**

#### **Atlanta Radio Club**

American Red Cross Building, Lindberg Plaza  
Meeting is at 7:30 PM  
Talk In -146.820(-)

#### **N.E. Georgia ARC**

Jefferson Civic Center  
Off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder from  
Jefferson  
Meeting is at 6:30 PM  
Talk In - 147.225(+)

#### **North Fulton Amateur Radio League**

Shoney's Restaurant  
Holcomb Bridge Road at grimes Bridge Road  
Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 145.47(-)

### **Second Thursday**

#### **Alford Memorial Radio Club**

Killian Hall, Killian Hill Road  
Lilburn  
Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 146.760(-)

### **Second Saturday**

#### **East Atlanta LAN**

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church  
Dunwoody  
Meeting is at 10:00 AM  
Talk In - 145.410(-) and 443.025(+)

### **Third THURSDAY**



#### **Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society**

Central Baptist Church  
Gwinnett Drive  
Lawrenceville  
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall.  
Talk In -147.075(+) and 444.525(+)



## **Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule**

**GARS** publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions.

### **First Sunday**

WCARS VEC  
2:00 PM  
(Except July and September)  
Johnson High School  
3305 Poplar Springs RD, Gainesville  
Terry Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

### **First Saturday**

9:00AM  
Clayton County Emergency  
Management Building  
7496 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro  
George White, KN4NG (770)361-6850

### **Second Tuesday**

7:00PM  
Walton EMC  
3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville  
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA  
(770)498-7759

### **Second Saturday, Odd Months**

CA VEC  
8:30 AM  
Stone Mountain Methodist Church  
5312 West Mountain St.  
Stone Mountain  
Bob Verone, W4ETN  
(770)978-3179

### **Third Saturday**

CA VEC  
9:00AM  
Marietta First United Methodist Church  
Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave  
Marietta  
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ  
(770)955-3171

### **Fourth Tuesday**

ARRL VEC  
7:00 PM  
United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville  
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK  
(770)942-6466.

### **Fourth Friday**

W5YI VEC  
7:00 PM  
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### 6 Meter Repeater

53.110 (-1 MHz) MHz  
82.5 PL

### Main Repeater Site

Oak Street, Lawrenceville

### 2 Meter Repeater

147.075(+) MHz  
82.5 PL Tone

### Main Repeater Site

Oak Street, Lawrenceville

### Backup Repeater Site

Lanier Mountain, Snellville

### Remote Receive Sites

Bogan Road, Buford  
Goshen Springs Road, Norcross  
Lanier Mountain, Snellville

### 70 Cm Repeater

444.525(+) MHz  
82.5 PL

### Main Repeater Site

Lanier Mountain, Snellville

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### APRS

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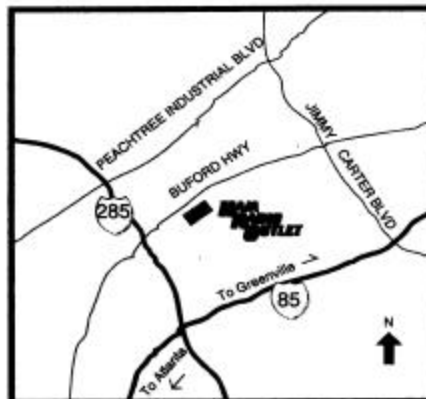


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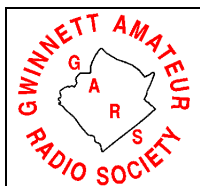
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## Upcoming Events

*Committee Chairs:*

*Let's fill this feature with dates and events to keep GARS members looking ahead!*

### January 2002

Executive committee  
**17th** GARS Club Meeting

### February 2002

Executive committee  
**21st** GARS Club Meeting

### March, 2002

Executive committee  
**21st** GARS Club Meeting  
**23rd** Tech Fest

### April, 2002

Executive committee  
**18th** GARS Club Meeting

### May, 2002

Executive committee  
**16th** GARS Club Meeting

### Meeting Time & Location

3rd Thursday, 7:30 PM

Central Baptist Church,

Gwinnett Drive,

Lawrenceville

Talk in 147.075(+) MHz

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